

October 17, 2016

SSVF Program Office
National Center on Homelessness Among Veterans
4100 Chester Avenue, Suite 201
Philadelphia, PA 19104

To Whom It May Concern,

The Balance of State Continuum of Care (IA-501) is in full support of Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. renewal grant application for Supportive Services for Veteran Families.

Humility of Mary Shelter, Inc. (HMSI) is a regular and active participant in our efforts to coordinate services within the Balance of State CoC. The Humility of Mary Shelter SSVF program benefits veteran households in multiple counties in Iowa. HMSI's program provides progressive engagement and case management services; education and advocacy on tenant-landlord issues; housing search assistance and temporary financial assistance.

With HMSI's success in diverting veteran households from homelessness, and in permanently housing veteran households, the program is an important part of the services offered to veteran households in the state. HMSI will continue to serve Clinton, Muscatine and Scott counties in Iowa upon renewal of the SSVF grant requested.

I greatly appreciate your consideration of Humility of Mary Shelter's application and ask that you look favorably upon their request.

Sincerely,

Ben Brustkern
Chair, Iowa Council on Homelessness